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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2000, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as set forth below, in accordance with 37 CFR  
1.116.

The Examiner is urged to enter and favorably consider this amendment,  
because:

(a) The claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal, as the  
objection to claim 6 has been obviated in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion,  
and the rejections of claims 6 and 7 under 35 USC 112 have been obviated based on  
the Examiner's analysis. Issues for appeal have therefore been removed. (37 CFR  
1.116 (a) and MPEP 714.13).